Mr. V. Ramjee Rao:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that the facts are as such? With regard to (b) and (d), will the Government be pleased to place the report on the table?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I cannot give any undertaking."

Illicit sale of liquor in Masulipatam.

*1722 Q.—Mr. V. Ramjee Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact

(i) that some of the soda shops in Masulipatam were reported some time ago to be selling liquor secretly,

(ii) that on such a report Mr. H. H. F. M. Tyler, Commissioner of Excise, paid a surprise visit to Masulipatam and held an investigation with a detective staff brought from Ongole or thereabout, and

(iii) that he found the report to be correct; and

(b) what steps the Government have taken to check this evil?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested.

Mr. V. Ramjee Rao:—"As regards (a) and (b) will the Government be pleased to place the report of investigation on the table?"

The hon Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I cannot give that undertaking."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"No undertaking for anything."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Depressed Classes

Alleged elimination of the "Setti Balija" community from the list of depressed classes.

1723 Q.—Mr. J. Bheemayya: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the "Setti Balija" community has been eliminated from the list of the depressed classes, and if so, when and for what reasons and for what purposes; and

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether the Government be pleased to reconsider their decision and include the "Setti Balija" community in the list of the depressed classes?

A.—A circular to this effect was issued in August last but is being withdrawn, as the Commissioner thinks it undesirable to define rigorously the classes who should be treated as depressed.

Utilization of the grants for the benefit of the untouchable classes.

1724 Q.—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether from 1st April 1927 to this date the Labour department has drawn any amount for the benefit of the untouchable classes and if so, how much; and

(b) what amount has been spent for the education and housing of the untouchable classes alone during the said period?

A.—The figures will be published in the next administration report.